

REMARKS

Claims 3-7, 9 and 13-25 are presently pending.

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesy extended during the interview on August 22, 2006. The Applicant concurs with the Summary of the Interview of the same date.

As discussed at the interview, claims 19-21 and 23-25 have been rewritten in independent form, and are submitted to be patentable over the combination proposed in the Office action of Fischer and Casagrande. The former independent claims 2, 8, 11, 12 and 17 have been canceled without prejudice.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 3-7, 9 and 13-25 are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application to Deposit Account No. 06-135.

Respectfully submitted,

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